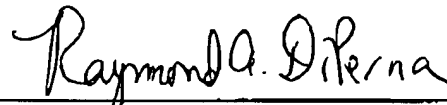


Applicants request that this application be withdrawn from issue in favor of the RCE for entry of the Preliminary Amendment submitted herewith.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the petition fee (\$130.00) set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h) as well as the Request for Continued Examination fee (\$790.00) under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) and any additional fee in connection with the present Petition, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

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